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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FORMATION OF PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT IN
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1. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH APPEARED AT END OF ARTICLE BY
JOSEPH FITCHETT IN WASHINGTON POST DECEMBER 11: "RECENT
RUMORS ABOUT IMMINENT FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL
GOVERNMENT DIED AFTER KING HUSSEIN RECOGNIZED PLO
TITLE TO ANY AREA COVERED IN THE ISRAELI-OCCUPIED
WEST BANK. IN RECENT WEEKS, HOWEVER, HUSSEIN'S
'JORDANIZATION' HAS AROUSED APPREHENSIONS AMONG
PALESTINIANS HERE AND THE PLO IS HOLDING A CRUCIAL
MEETING SATURDAY WITH JORDANIAN REPRESENTATIVES IN
DAMASCUS IN AN EFFORT TO REACH A COMMON UNDERSTANDING."

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION OF THIS
PARAGRAPH EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE. INGERSOLL

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